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Corte Madera Creek (0.6)
San Rafael Creek (1.8)
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Dear Ms. Simpson:

The Coast Guard has reviewed your DEIS/R for the Marin 101 HOV Gap Closure and has the following comments.

Your proposed widening of USH 101 in Marin County will involve modifications to two bridges under Coast Guard jurisdiction, the USH 101 Bridges over San Rafael Creek and Corte Madera Creek.

Replacement of the San Rafael Viaduct is authorized under the Surface Transportation Assistance Act without formal permit. Upon completion of that portion of the project, please submit as-built plans so we may update our records.

Corte Madera Creek does not meet the criteria of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act because vessels greater than 21 feet in length are operating on the waterway upstream of the bridge. You will need to apply for an amendment to the Coast Guard permit for this bridge. Since you do not intend to reduce navigational clearances, your proposal should meet the reasonable needs of navigation. Please submit an application as soon as possible so that our permit review process does not delay your project. When applying, please submit drawings for any work bridges you think you might need.

The Coast Guard stands willing to serve as a cooperating agency in this project.

Sincerely,

W. B. TILL
Chief, Bridge Section
U. S. Coast Guard

By direction of the District Commander

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